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P R E F A C E.

THE *Original MS.* of the following JOURNAL, was *sold*, together with the Library of *Samuel Dowling*, Son of the VISITOR, to Mr. *Huse*, Bookseller, at Exeter 'Change, in the Strand, London, in 1704. At that Time, the Copy was transcribed, with the consent of Mr. *Huse*, from which the present Publication was drawn. The Editors of the *Suffolk Traveller*, 2nd. edit. pa. 39. mention, that "Part of *William Dowling's* Journal accidentally came into their Hands" which was dated 1648. A small Error in their Chronology, I beg leave to rectify. The Earl of *Manchester*, (under whose Warrant the Visitors acted) received his Commission, as General of the associated Eastern Counties, so early as 1642, and resigned it in 1645, according to *Clarendon*, *Rapin*, &c. Further, to confirm this assertion, "In Aug. 1641. there was an Order published by the House of Commons, for the taking away all scandalous Pictures out of Churches, in which there was more intended by the Authors than at first their instruments understood, untill instructed by private information how farce the People were to enlarge the meaning." *Mercurius Rusticus*, pa. 22.

In this Age of Enquiry, any Attempt towards illustrating authentic History, is favourably received. Should this Trifle meet with Public approbation, the Editor's wish will be amply gratified, in having rescued it from Oblivion.

Woodbridge, May 15th. 1786.

I N T R O D U C T I O N.

“**T**OWARD the latter end of the reign of HENRY VIII. and throughout the whole reign of EDWARD VI. and in the beginning of queen ELIZABETH, certain persons, of every county, were put in authority to pull down, and cast out of all churches, roods, graven images, shrines with their relics, to which the ignorant people came flocking in adoration. Or any thing else, which (punctually) tended to idolatry and superstition. Under color of this their commission, and in their too forward zeal, they rooted up and battered down crosses in churches and church-yards, as also in other public places, they defaced and brake down the images of kings, princes and noble estates, erected, set up, or portraied, for the only memory of them to posterity, and not for any religious honor; they crackt a-pieces the glass windows wherein the effigies of our blessed SAVIOR hanging on the cross, or any one of his saints was depicted; or otherwise turned up their heels into the place where their heads used to be fixed; as I have seen in the windows of some of our country-churches. They despoiled churches of their copes, vestments, amices, rich hangings, and all other ornaments whereupon the story or the portraiture of CHRIST himself, or of any saint or martyr was delineated, wrought, or embroidered; leaving religion naked, bare, and unclad.”

“ But the foulest and most inhuman action of those times, was the violation of funeral monuments. Marbles which covered the dead were dug up, and put to other uses, tombs hackt and hewn a-pieces; images or representations of the defunct, broken, erased, cut, or dismembered, inscriptions or epitaphs, especially if they began with an *orate pro anima*, or concluded with *cujus anime propitiatur Deus*. For greediness of the brass, or for that they were thought to be antichristian, pulled out from the sepulchres, and purloined; dead carcases, for gain of their stone or leaden coffins, cast out of their graves, notwithstanding this request, cut or engraven upon them, *propter misericordiam Jesu requiescant in pace*.”

WEEVER's *Discourse on Funeral Monuments*, pa. l. li.

What was thought to be left unfinished, by those Persons then in Power,—the fanatical Zeal of the succeeding Century pretty fully accomplished, a reference to this JOURNAL alone, is sufficient to shew, how far the Ignorance and Obstinacy of selfish Men may be persisted in, and carried on, against the Remonstrances of sober and moderate Reason.

A true Copy of a MANUSCRIPT, found in the Library of Mr. Samuel Dowsing, of *Stratford*, being written by his Father, *William Dowsing's* own Hand, carefully and almost literally transcribed *Sept. 5th. 1704.*

WILLIAM DOWSING substitutes *Edmond Blomfield* of *Aspell-Stonham*, *Edmund Maybew* of *Gosbeck*, & *Thomas Denning*, & Mr. *Thomas Westthorp* of *Hunden*, (a godly man) and Mr. *Thomas Glanfield* of *Gosbrock*, *Francis Verden* for *Wangford*, *Suthelham*, *Blything*, *Bosmere*, *Sudbury*, *Clare*, *Fordham*, *Blacksmere*, and would have had *Hartsmere*. And *Francis Jessup* of *Beccles*, for *Letbergland* and *Shutford Hundred*, and *Bungay*, *Blithborough*, *Yoxford*, and *Ringshall*.

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SUDBURY, Suffolk. *Peter's Parish.* Jan. the 9th. 1643. We brake down a Picture of God the Father, 2 Crucifix's, and Pictures of Christ, about an hundred in all; and gave order to take down a Cross off the Steeple; and diverse Angels, 20 at least, on the Roof of the Church.

SUDBURY, *Gregory Parish.* Jan. the 9th. We brake down 10 mighty great Angels in Glasse, in all, 80.

Alballows, Jan. the 9th. We brake about 20 superstitious Pictures; and took up 30 brazen superstitious Inscriptions, *ora pro nobis*, and pray for the soul,

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1. SUFFOLK. At HAVER^L. Jan. the 6th. 1643. We broke down about an hundred superstitious Pictures; and seven Fryars hugging a Nunn; and the Picture of God and Christ; and diverse others very superstitious; and 200 had been broke down before I came. We took away two popish Inscriptions with *ora pro nobis*; and we beat down a great stoneing Cross on the top of the Church.

2. At CLARE, Jan. the 6th. We brake down 1000 Pictures superstitious; I brake down 200; 3 of God the Father, and 3 of Christ, and the Holy Lamb, and 3 of the Holy Ghost like a Dove with Wings; and the 12 Apostles were carved in Wood, on the top of the Roof, which we gave order to take down; and 20 Cherubins to be taken down; and the Sun and Moon in the East Window, by the King's Arms, to be taken down.

3. HUNDEN, Jan. the 6th. We brake down 30 superstitious Pictures; and we took up 3 popish Inscriptions in Brass, *ora pro nobis*, on them; and we gave order for the levelling the Steps.

4. WIXO, Jan. the 6th. We brake a Picture; and gave order for levelling the Steps.

5. WITHERSFIELD, Jan. the 6th. We brake down a Crucifix, and 60 superstitious Pictures; and gave order for the levelling the Steps in the Chancel.

6. STOKENAYLAND, Jan. the 19th. We brake down an 100 superstitious Pictures; and took up 7 superstitious Inscriptions on the Grave-Stones, *ora pro nobis*, &c.

7. NAYLAND, Suff. Jan. the 19th. 1643. We brake down 30 superstitious Pictures; and gave order for the taking down a Cross on the Steeple: We took up 2 popish Inscriptions, *ora pro nobis*, &c.

8. RAYDEN, Jan. the 20th. We brake down a Crucifix, and 12 superstitious Pictures; and a popish Inscription, *ora pro nobis*, &c.

9. HOUGHTON, Jan. the 20th. We brake 6 superstitious Pictures.

10. BARHAM,

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10. BARHAM, Jan. the 22d. We brake down the 12 Apostles in the Chancel, and 6 superstitious more there; and 8 in the Church, one a Lamb with a Cross X on the back; and digged down the Steps; and took up 4 superstitious Inscriptions of Brass, one of them *Jesu, Fili Dei, miserere mei*, and *O mater Dei, memento mei*,—O mother of God, have mercy on me!

11. CLAYDEN, Jan. the 22d. We brake down 3 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down 3 Crosses of the Steeple; and one of the Chancel.

12. CODDENHAM, Jan. the 22d. We gave order for taking down 3 Crosses of the Steeple; and one of the Chancel.

13. YKE, Jan. the 23d. We brake down 25 superstitious Pictures; and took up a superstitious Inscription.

14. DUNSTALL, Jan. the 23d. We brake down 60 superstitious Pictures; and broke in pieces the Rails; and gave order to pull down the Steps.

15. ALDBOROUGH, Jan. the 24th. We gave order for taking down 20 Cherubims, and 38 Pictures; which their Lecturer Mr. Swayn, (a godly man) undertook, and their Captain Mr. Johnson.

16. ORFORD, Jan. the 25th. We brake down 28 superstitious Pictures; and took up 11 popish Inscriptions in Brass; and gave order for digging up the Steps, and taking of 2 Crosses of the Steeple of the Church; and one of the Chancel, in all, 4.

17. SNAPE, Jan. the 25th. We brake down 4 popish Pictures; and took up 4 Inscriptions of Brass, of *ora pro nobis*, &c.

18. STANSTED, Jan. the 25th. We brake down 6 superstitious Pictures; and took up a popish Inscription in Brass.

19. SAXMUNDHAM, Jan. the 26th. We took up 2 superstitious Inscriptions in Brass.

20. KELSHALL, Jan. the 26th. We brake down 6 superstitious Pictures;

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tures; and took up 12 popish Inscriptions in Brass; and gave order to levell the Chancel, and taking down a Cross.

21. CARLETON, *Jan.* the 26th. We brake down 10 superstitious Pictures; and took up 6 popish Inscriptions in Brass; and gave order to levell the Chancel.

22. FARNHAM, *Jan.* the 26th. We took up a popish Inscription in Brass.

23. STRATFORD. We brake down 6 superstitious Pictures.

24. WICKHAM, *JAN.* the 26th. We brake down 15 popish Pictures of Angels and S.^{ts}; and gave order for taking 2 Crosses, one on the Steeple, & the 2nd on the Church.

25. SUDBURNE, *JAN.* the 26th. We brake down 6 Pictures; and gave order for the taking down of a Cross on the Steeple; and the Steps to be levelled.

26. *UFFORD, *JAN.* the 27th. We brake down 30 superstitious Pictures; and gave direction to take down 37 more; and 40 Cherubims to be taken down of Wood; and the Chancel levelled. There was a Picture of Christ on the Cross, and God the Father above it; and left 37 superstitious Pictures to be taken down; and took up 6 superstitious Inscriptions in Brass.

27. WOODBRIDGE, *JAN.* the 27th. We took down 2 superstitious Inscriptions in Brass; and gave order to take down 30 superstitious Pictures.

28. KESGRAVE, *JAN.* the 27th. We took down 6 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down 18 Cherubims, and to levell the Chancel.

29. RUSHMERE, *JAN.* the 27th. We brake down the Pictures of the 7 deadly Sins, and the Holy Lamb with a Cross about it, and 15 other superstitious Pictures.

* Vide No. 124. Depredations continued.

30. CHATSHAM,

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30. CHATSHAM, JAN. the 29th. Nothing to be done.
31. WASHBROOK, JAN. the 29th. I broke down 26 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down a stoneing Cross; and the Chancel to be levelled.
32. COPDOCK, JAN. the 29th. I brake down 150 superstitious Pictures, 2 of God the Father, and 2 Crucifixes; did deface a Cross on the Font; and gave order to take down a stoneing Cross on the Chancel, and to levell the Steps; and took up a Brass Inscription, with *ora pro nobis*, and *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*.
33. BELSTEAD. We brake down 7 superstitious Pictures, the Apostles, and 2 others; and took up 4 Inscriptions in Brass, of *ora pro nobis*, &c.
34. IPSWICH. Stoke Mary's. 2 Crosses in Wood, and 2 Cherubims painted; and one Inscription in Brass, with *ora pro nobis*, &c.
35. At Peter's, was on the Porch, the Crown of Thorns, the Sponge and Nails, and the Trinity in Stone; and the Rails were there, which I gave order to break in pieces.
36. Mary's at the Key. JAN. the 29th. I brake down 6 superstitious Pictures.
37. St. Mary Elmes, JAN. the 29th. There was 4 iron Crosses on the Steeple; which they promised to take down that Day, or the next.
38. Nicholas, JAN. the 29th. We brake 6 superstitious Pictures; and took up 2 Brass Inscriptions, of *ora pro nobis*; and gave order for another, *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*; and there was the Crown of Thorns.
39. Matthew's, JAN. the 29th. We brake down 35 superstitious Pictures, 3 Angels with Stars on their breasts, and Crosses.
40. Mary's at the Tower, JAN. the 29th. We took up 6 Brass Inscriptions, with *ora pro nobis*, and *ora pro animabus*, and *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*; and pray for the soul, in English; and I gave order to take down 5 iron Crosses, and one of Wood on the Steeple.

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41. Margaret's

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41. *Margaret's*, JAN. the 30th. There was 12 Apostles in Stone taken down; and between 20 and 30 superstitious Pictures to be taken down, which a (godly man) a Churchwarden promised to do.

42. *Steven's*, JAN. the 30th. There was a popish Inscription in Brasse, pray for the soul.

43. *Lawrence*, JAN. the 30th. There was 2 popish Incriptions, one with Beads, and written *ora pro nobis*.

44. *Clements*, JAN. the 30th. They four Days before had beaten up divers superstitious Incriptions.

45. At **Elms*, JAN. the 30th. Nothing. (*Quere *St. Helens?*)

46. *PLAYFORD*, JAN. the 30th. We brake down 17 popish Pictures, one of God the Father; and took up 2 superstitious Incriptions in Brasse, and one *ora pro nobis*, and *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*, and a 2nd pray for the soul.

47. *BLAKENHAM*, at the Water, Feb. the 1st. 1643. Only the Steps to be levelled, which I gave them 8 days to do it.

48. *BRAMFORD*, FEB. the 1st. A Cross to be taken off the Steeple; we brake down 841 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down the Steps, and gave a fortnight's time; and took up 3 Incriptions, with *ora pro nobis*, and *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*.

49. *SPROUGHTON*. We brake down 61 superstitious Pictures; and gave order for the Steps to be levelled, in a fortnight's time; and 3 Incriptions, *ora pro nobis*, and *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*.

50. *BURSTALL*, FEB. the 1st. We took off an Iron Cross off the Steeple; and gave order to level the Steps.

51. *HINTLESHAM*, FEB. the 1st. We brake down 51 superstitious Pictures; and took up 3 Incriptions, with *ora pro nobis*, and *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*; and gave order for digging down the Steps.

52. *HADLEIGH*, FEB. the 2nd. We brake down 30 superstitious Pictures, and gave order for taking down the rest, which were about 70; and took

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took up an Inscription, *quoniam animas propitiatur Deus* and gave order for the taking down a Cross on the Steeple; gave 14 days.

53. LAYHAM, FEB. the 2nd. We brake down 6 superstitious Pictures; and take down a Cross off the Steeple.

54. SHELLY, FEB. the 2nd. We brake down 6 superstitious Pictures; and took off 2 Incriptions, with *cujus anima propitiatur Deus*.

55. HIGHAM, FEB. the 2nd. We brake down 15 superstitious Pictures in the Chancel; and 16 in the Church, (so called); and gave order to levell the Steps in 14 days.

56. FEB. the 3d. WENHAM Magna. There was Nothing to reform.

57. FEB. the 3d. WHENHAM Parva. We brake down 26 superstitious Pictures, and gave order to break down 6 more; and to levell the Steps. —One Picture was of the Virgin Mary.

58. FEB. the 3d. CAPELL. We brake down 3 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down 31, which the Churchwarden promised to do; and to take down a stoneing Cross on the outside of the Church, (as it is called.)

FEB. the 3d. We were at the Lady Bruce's House, and in her Chappel, there was a Picture of God, the Father, of the Trinity, of Christ, and the Holy Ghost, the Cloven Tongues; which we gave order to take down, and the Lady promised to do it.

59. NEEDHAM-MARKET, FEB. the 5th. We gave order to take down 2 Iron Crosses on the Chappel, and a stoneing Cross.

60. BADLEY, FEB. the 5th. We brake down 34 superstitious Pictures; Mr. Dove promised to take down the rest, 28; and to levell the Chancel. We took down 4 superstitious Incriptions, with *ora pro nobis*, and *cujus anima propitiatur Deus*.

61. STOW-MARKET, FEB. the 5th. We gave order to break down about 70 superstitious Pictures; and to levell the Chancel, to Mr. Manning, that promised to do it; and to take down 2 Crosses, one on the Steeple, and the other

ther on the Church, (as it is called); and took of an Inscription, of *ora pro nobis*;

62. WETHERDEN, FEB. the 5th. We brake a 100 superstitious Pictures in St. Edward's Church; and gave order to break down 60 more; and to take down 68 Cherubims; and to levell the Steps in the Chancel; there was taken up 19 superstitious Incriptions, that weighed 65 pounds.

63. ELMSWELL, FEB. the 5th. We brake down 20 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to break down 40 and above, and to take down 40 Cherubims. We took up 4 superstitious Incriptions, with *ora pro nobis*.

64. TOSTICK, FEB. the 5th. We brake down about 16 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down about 40 more; and to levell the Steps. We took a superstitious Inscription, with *ora pro nobis*.

65. BURY St. EDMUND's, FEB. the 5th. Mary's Parish. Mr. Chaplain undertook to do down the Steps; and to take away the superstitious Pictures.

66. JAMES'S PARISH. Mr. Moody undertook for.

67. KINFORD, FEB. the 6th. We gave order to take down a Cross, and other Pictures.

68. FEB. the 6th. At NEWMARKET, They promised to amend all.

69. COMEARTH Magna, FEB. the 20th. I took up 2 Incriptions, pray for our souls; and gave order to take down a Cross on the Steeple; and to levell the Steps. John Pain, Churchwarden, for not paying, and doing his duty enjoined by the Ordinance, I charged Henry Turner, the Constable, to carry him before the Earl of Manchester.

70. Little COMEARTH, FEB. the 20th. There were 2 Crosses, one in Wood, and another in Stone, which I gave order to take them down; and I brake down 6 superstitious Pictures. Had no Noble.

71. NEWTON, FEB. the 21st. William Plume, Churchwarden, and John Shrive, Constable. I brake down 4 superstitious Pictures, one of Christ, and 6 in the Chancel, one of Christ, and of the Virgin Mary; and to see the Steps

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*NAYLAND, FEB. the 21st. Henry Hill, Henry Campin, Churchwardens; Abraham Vangover, Constable. Churchwardens promised the 6s. 8d. within a Week.

72. ASSINGTON, FEB. the 21st. We brake down 40 Pictures, one of God the Father, and the other very superstitious; and gave order to levell the Chancel; and to take a Cross off the Steeple. Constable, James Springes.

73. At Mr. Thomas Humberfield's, or Somberfield's. I brake down 9 superstitious Pictures, and a Crucifix, in the Parish of ST OKE. He refused to pay the 6s. 8d. This was in the Lord Windsor's Chappel.

74. FEB. the 23d. At Mr. Cap. Waldgrave's Chappel, in BUERS, there was a Picture of God the Father, and divers other superstitious Pictures, 20 at least, which they promised to break, his Daughter and Servants; he himself was not at home, neither could they find the key of the Chappel. I had not the 6s. 8d. yet promised it. And gave order to take down a Cross.

75. BUERS, FEB. the 23d. We brake down above 600 superstitious Pictures, 8 Holy Ghosts, 3 of God the Father, and 3 of the Son. We took up 5 Inscriptions of *quorum animabis propitiatur Deus*; one pray for the soul. And Superstitions in the Windows, and some divers of the Apostles.

76. COMEARTH Magna. (Mentioned before, No. 69.)

77. GLENSFORD, FEB. the 26th. We brake down many Pictures; one of God the Father, a Picture of the Holy Ghost, in Brass. A Noble.

78. OTLEY, FEB. the 27th. A Deputy brake down 50 superstitious Pictures; a Cross on the Chancel; 2 Brass Inscriptions; and Moses with a Rod, and Aaron with his Mitre, taken down; and 20 Cherubims to be broke down. —6s. 8d.

79. MULLEDEN, FEB. the 27th. He brake down 6 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to levell the Steps in 20 Days. —6s. 8d.

80. HOO, FEB. the 27th. A superstitious Inscription of Brass, and 8

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superstitious Pictures brake down; and gave order to levell the Steps in 20 Days.—6s. 8d.

81. LETHERINGHAM, FEB. the 27th. He took of three popish Inscriptions of Brass; and brake down 10 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to levell the Steps in 20 Days.—6s. 8d.

82. EASTON, FEB. the 28th. He brake up one Inscription in Brass; and 16 superstitious Pictures; 3 Crosses he gave order to take down; & to levell the Steps in 20 Days.—6s. 8d.

83. KETTLEBURGH, FEB. the 28th. In the Glass, 6 superstitious Pictures; gave order to brake them down, and to levell the Steps in 20 Days.—6s. 8d.

84. HELMINGHAM, FEB. the 29th. Brake down 3 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down 4 Crosses; and 9 Pictures; and Adam and Eve to be beaten down.—6s. 8d.

85. WOOLPIT, FEB. the 29th. My Deputy. 80 superstitious Pictures; some he brake down, and the rest he gave order to take down; and 3 Crosses to be taken down in 20 Days.—6s. 8d.

86. BAYTON Bull, MARCH the 1st. He brake down 20 Pictures and the Steps to be levelled in 20 Days.—6s. 8d.

87. KAYFIELD, APRIL the 3d. A Deputy brake down divers, which I have done.

88. APRIL the 3d, BEDDINGFIELD. I brake down 14 superstitious Pictures, one of God the Father, and 2 Doves, and another of St. Catherine and her Wheel; and gave order to take down 3 stoneing Crosses on Porch, Church, and Chancel.

89. TANNINGTON,

* The present ruinous Condition of this Church, together with the numerous and once beautiful Monuments, of the antient Families of the WINGFIELDS, and NAUNTONS, is much to be lamented. To prevent their being wholly lost to Posterity, it is with Pleasure we announce, that correct and elegant Drawings of the whole of the Monuments, were taken in 1785, by Mr. Isaac Johnson, by Order of the ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.—A Drawing of the Church, is in possession of the Publisher.

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89. TANNINGTON, APRIL the 3d. My Deputy brake down 27 Pictures, 2 were Crucifixes, which I brake of part.

90. BRUNDISH, APRIL the 3d. There were 5 Pictures of Christ, the 12 Apostles, a Crucifix, and divers superstitious Pictures. The Vicar have 2 Livings.

91. WILBY. 4 superstitious Pictures. APRIL the 4th. 30 We brake down; and gave order to take 10 more, and the Steps to be levelled; and the Whip, and Pincers, and Nails, that was at Christ's crucifying, and the Trinity, all in Stone.

92. STRADBROOK, APRIL the 4th. 8 Angels off the Roof, and Cherubims in Wood, to be taken down; and 4 Crosses on the Steeple; and one on the Church; and one on the Porch; and 17 Pictures in the upper Window; and pray for such out of your charity; and Organs, which I brake.

93. Netber, or LINSTREAD Parva, APRIL the 4th. A Picture of God the Father, and of Christ, and 5 more superstitious in the Chancel; and the Steps to be levelled, which the Churchwardens promised to do, in 20 Days. And a Picture of Christ on the outside of the Steeple, nailed to a Cross, and another superstitious one. Crosses on the Font. Will. (M. S. blotted) is Curate.

94. LINSTREAD Magna, APRIL the 5th. Here was 2 superstitious orate pro animabus, and *cujus anima propitiatur Deus*. There was 2 Crucifixes, and 8 superstitious Pictures, and 3 Inscriptions of Jesus, in a Window. And gave order to levell the Steps, to Mr. Evered. Will. Aldice, Curate. D***** Francis Evered.

95. Chetton, or CHEDISTON, APRIL the 5th. 2 superstitious Inscriptions, and 7 popish Pictures, one of Christ, and another of St. George. 6s. 8d.

96. HALLISWORTH, APRIL the 5th. 2 Crucifixes, 3 of the Holy Ghost, and a 3d of the Trinity altogether; and two hundred other superstitious Pictures and more; 5 popish Inscriptions of Brals, *orate pro animabus*, and *cujus anime propitiatur Deus*; and the Steps to be levelled by the Parson of the Town; and to take off a Cross on the Chancel. And then the Churchwardens had

had order to take down 2 Crosses off the Steeple.

97. REDSHAM *Magna*, APRIL the 5th. A Crucifix, and 3 other superstitious Pictures; and gave order for Mr. *Barenby*, the Parson, to levell the Steps in the Chancel. He preach but once a Day.

98. REGINFIELD, APRIL the 5th. The Sun and Moon; and JESUS, in Capital Letters; and 2 Crosses on the Steeple; We gave order to take them down; and levell the Steps in 14 Days.

99. BECCLES, APRIL the 6th. Jehovah's between Church and Chancel, and the Sun over it; and by the Altar, *My Meat is Flesh indeed, and My Blood is Drink indeed*. And 2 Crosses we gave order to take down; one was on the Porch; another on the Steeple; and many superstitious Pictures, about 400—Six several Crosses, Christ's, Virgin Mary's, St. George's, and 3 more; and 13 Crosses in all; and Jesus and Mary, in Letters; and the 12 Apostles.

100. ELOUGH, APRIL the 6th. We brake down 12 superstitious Pictures; and the Steps to be levelled; and a Cross to be taken off the Chancel, which they promised to do.

101. SATERLY. There was divers superstitious Pictures painted, which they promised to take down; and I gave order to levell the Steps; and to break in pieces the Rails, which I have seen done; and to take off a Cross on the Church.

102. BENACRE, APRIL the 6th. There was 6 superstitious Pictures, one Crucifix, and the Virgin Mary twice, with Christ in her arms, and Christ lying in the Manger; and the 3 Kings coming to Christ with their presents, and St. Catherine twice pictured; and the Priest of the Parish—(M. S. blotted)—*materna *Johannem Christi gubernat. O Christ govern me by thy Mother's prayers!*—And 3 Bishops with their Mitres; and the Steps to be levelled within 6 weeks. And 18 JESUS's, written in Capital Letters, on the Roof, which we gave order to do out; and the Story of Nebuchadnezzar; and *orate pro animabus*, in a Glafs Window.

103. COCHIE, APRIL the 6th. We brake down 200 Pictures; one Pope, with divers Cardinals, Christ and the Virgin Mary; a Picture of God the

the Father, and many other, which I remember not. There was 4 Steps, with a Vault underneath, but the 2 first might be levelled, which we gave order to the Churchwardens to do. There was many Inscriptions of JESUS, in Capital Letters, on the Roof of the Church, and Cherubims with Crosses on their Breasts; and a Cross in the Chancel; all which, with divers Pictures, in the Windows, which we could not reach, neither would they help us to raise the ladders; all which, we left a Warrant with the Constable to do, in 14 days.

104. RUSHMERE, APRIL the 8th. We brake 10 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to levell the Steps, in 20 days, to make their windows; and we brake down a Pot, for Holy Water.

105. MUTFORD, APRIL the 8th. We brake down 9 superstitious Pictures; and gave order take 9 superstitious Inscriptions of Jesus; 2 Crosses on the Steeple; and the Steps to be levelled.

106. FROSTENDEN, APRIL the 8th. 20 superstitious Pictures, one Crucifix, and a Picture of God the Father, and St. Andrew with his Cross, and St. Catherine with her Wheel; 4 Cherubims on the Pulpit; 2 Crosses on the Steeple; and one on the Chancel. And Mr. Ellis, an high Constable, of the Town, told me "he saw an *Irish* Man, within 2 months, bow to the Cross on the Steeple, and put off his hat to it." The Steps were there to levell, which they promised to do.

107. COE, APRIL the 8th. We took down 42 superstitious Pictures in Glas; and above 20 Cherubims; and the Steps we have digged down.

108. RAYDEN, APRIL the 8th. We brake down 10 superstitious Pictures; and gave order to take down 2 Crosses, one on the Chancel, and another on the Porch. Steps we digged up.

109. SOUTHWOLD, APRIL the 8th. We brake down 130 superstitious Pictures; St. Andrew; and 4 Crosses on the 4 corners of the Vestry; and gave order to take down 13 Cherubims; and take down 20 Angels; and to take down the Cover of the Font.

110. WALBERWICK. Brake down 40 superstitious Pictures; and to take off 5 Crosses on the Steeple, and Porch; and we had 8 superstitious Inscriptions

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scriptions on the grave stones.

111. BLYFORD, APRIL the 9th. There was 30 superstitious Pictures; a Crucifix; and the 4 Evangelists; and the Steps promised to be levelled, and begun to be digged down; a Cross on the Chancel they promised to take down; and a Triangle on the Porch, for the Trinity, and 2 Whips, &c. Christ and a Cross all over the Porch.

112. BLYBOROUGH, APRIL the 9th. There was 20 superstitious Pictures; one on the outside of the Church; 2 Crosses, one on the Porch; and another on the Steeple; and 20 Cherubims to be taken down in the Church, and Chancel; and I brake down 3 *orate pro animabus*; and gave order to take down above 200 more Pictures, within 8 Days.

113. DUNWICH, APRIL the 9th. At Peter's Parish. 63 Cherubims; 60 at least of JESUS, written in Capital Letters, on the Roof; and 40 superstitious Pictures; and a Cross on the top of the Steeple. All was promised by the Churchwardens to be done.

114. Allhallows. 30 superstitious Pictures; and 28 Cherubims; and a Cross on the Chancel.

115. BRAMFIELD, APRIL the 9th. Twenty-four superstitious Pictures; one Crucifix, and Picture of Christ; and 12 Angels on the Roof; and divers JESUS's, in Capital Letters; and the Steps to be levelled, by St Robert Brook.

116. HEVININGHAM, APRIL the 9th. and 10th. Eight superstitious Pictures, one of the Virgin Mary; and 2 Inscriptions of Brass, one *pray for the soul*, and another, *orate pro animabus*.

117. POLSTEAD, APRIL the 15th. Forty-five superstitious Pictures; one of Peter with his Keys. 2nd a Bishop's Mitre on his head.—6s. 8d.

118. BOXTEAD. We had 6 superstitious Pictures.

119. STANSTEAD, APRIL the 15th. 15 superstitious Pictures.

120. LAXFIELD, JULY the 17th. 1644. Two Angels in Stone, at the

the Steeple's end; a Cross in the Church; and another on the Porch, in Stone; and 2 superstitious Pictures on Stone there. Many superstitious Inscriptions in Brass, *orate pro animabus, et cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*. A Picture of Christ, in Glass. An Eagle, and a Lion, with wings, for 2 of the Evangelists; and the the Steps in the Chancel. All to be done, within 20 Days; the Steps, by *William Dowsing*, of the same Town.

121. TREMBLY, Aug. the 21st. 1644. *Martin's*. There was a Fryar, with a shaven crown, praying to God, in these Words, *miserere mei Deus*; which we brake down; and 28 Cherubims in the Church; which we gave order to take down, by Aug. 24th.

122. Aug. the 21st. BRIGHTWELL. A Picture of Christ, and the Virgin Mary, that we brake down; and the 12 Apostles painted, in Wood; and a Holy Water Font; and a Step to be levelled; all which, we gave order to be broke down, and Steps to be levelled, by Aug. 31st.

123. LEVINGTON, Aug. the 21st. The Steps only to be levelled, by Aug. 31st. And a double Cross on the Church.

124. UFFORD, Aug. 31st. (See No. 26.) Where is set down what we did, JAN. the 27th. "30 superstitious Pictures; and left 37 more to break down"; and some of them we brake down now. In the Chancel, we brake down an Angel; 3 *orate pro anima*, in the Glass; and the Trinity in a Triangle; and 12 Cherubims on the Roof of the Chancel; and nigh a 100 JESUS—MARIA, in Capital Letters; and the Steps to be levelled. And we brake down the Organ Cases, and gave them to the Poor.—In the Church, there was on the Roof, above a 100 JESUS and MARY, in great Capital Letters; and a Crosier Staff to be broke down, in Glass; and above 20 Stars on the Roof. There is a glorious Cover over the Font, like a Pope's Tripple Crown, with a Pelican on the Top, picking its Breast, all gilt over with Gold.

And

* An antient and curious Specimen of the Trinity in a Triangle, on Glass, is in Possession of the Publisher.

§ Several elegant Drawings of this venerable remain of Antiquity, have been lately made, by the happy Pencil of Mr. Johnson.

And we were kept out of the Church above 2 hours, and neither Churchwardens, *William Brown*, nor *Roger Small*, that were enjoined these things above three months afore, had not done them in May, and I sent one then to see it done, and they would not let him have the key. And now, neither the Churchwardens, nor *William Brown*, nor the Constable *James Tokelove*, and *William Gardener* the Sexton, would not let us have the key, in 2 hours time. New Churchwardens, *Thomas Stanard*, *Thomas Stroud*. And *Samuel Canham*, of the same Town, said, "I sent men to rife the Church;"—and *Will. Brown*, old Churchwarden, said, "I went about to pull down the Church, and had carried away part of the Church."

125. BAYLHAM. There was the Trinity in a Triangle, on the Font, and a Cross; and the Steps to be levelled, by the Minister, in 21 days.

126. NETTLESTEAD, Aug. the 22d. An Inscription in the Church, in Brass, *orate pro anima*; and 6 of the Apostles, not defaced; and St. Catherine with her Wheel; and 3 superstitious Pictures more, 2 with Crozier Staves, with Mitres; and the Picture of St. George, St. Martin, and St. Simon.

127. SUMMERSHAM. The same Day. A Cross in the Glass, and St. Catherine with her Wheel, and another Picture in the Glass in the Church; and 2 superstitious Pictures in the Window; and a Holy Water Font in the Church; and on the outside of the Chancel Door, *Jesus, sancta Maria, Jesus*.

128. FLOUGHTON, Aug. the 22d. A Holy Water Font in the Chancel.

129. ELMSETT, Aug. the 22d. *Croto*, a Deputy, had done before we came. We rent apieces there, the Hood and Surplice.

130. OFTON, Aug. the 22d. There was a Holy Water Font in the Chancel; and the Steps; and some Crosses on the outside of the Church, and Chancel; and we gave order to deface them. We gave order to have them all defaced, and 2 more in a window of the Church; and 2 Stone Crosses on the top of the Steeple. All which, we gave order to mend all the defaults, by Saturday come 'Sennight. At Ipswich, at Mr. Coley's.

131. BARKING, Aug. the 21st. There was St. Catherine with her Wheel.

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Wheel. Many superstitious Pictures were done down afore I came. There was Maria's on the Church Door.

132. WILLESAM, Aug. the 22d. An Holy Water Font in the Chancel; the Steps were levelled; and had been so once before, by a Lord Bishop's Injunction; and by another Lord Bishop after commanded; testified to me, by him that saw it done, Mr. *John Brownbridge*.

133. DAMSDEN, Aug. the 23d. Three Crosses in the Chancel, on the wall, and a Holy Water Font there; and the Chancel to be levelled by Saturday S'ennight after.

134. WETHERINGSETT, Aug. the 26th. 19 Crosses. 16 about the Arches of the Church; and 3 on the Porch; a Picture on the Porch, a Triangle for the Trinity, to be done. *Thomas Colby*, and *Thomas Eley*, Churchwardens. Constables, *John Sutton*, and *John Genkithorne*.

135. MICKFIELD, Aug. the 26th. 2 Crosses. And the Glasses to be made up by Saturday come three weeks. And 10s. to be paid to the Poor within that Time; and the rest afterwards.—4s. 6d.

136. HORHAM, Aug. the 27th. In the Chancel, a Holy Water Font; and the Steps to be levelled; and there was the 4 Evangelists; and a part of a Crucifix; and divers Angels, 8; and other superstitious Pictures; and, *orate pro animabus*; and on a Grave Stone, *cujus animæ propitiatur Deus*. All which I brake up; and gave 20 days to levell the Steps, and make the windows. And in the Church, *orate pro animabus*; and divers superstitious Pictures; and a Triangle on the Font; and a superstitious Picture.—6s. 8d.

137. ALLINGTON, Aug. the 27th. In the Chancel, was Peter pictured, and crucified with his heels upward; and there was John Baptist; and 10 more superstitious Pictures in the Church.

138. WALLINGWORTH, Aug. the 27th. A Stone Cross on the top of the Church; 3 Pictures of Adam on the Porch; 2 Crosses on the Font; and a Triangle for the Trinity, in Stone; and 2 other superstitious Pictures; and the Chancel ground to be levelled; and the Holy Water Font to be defaced; and Step levelled in 14 days. *Edward Dunstone*, and *John* ——— Constables.

Stables. *Will. Dod*, and *Robert Beman*, Churchwardens.—3s. 4d.

139. HOLTON, by *Halefworth*, Aug. the 29th. 2 superstitious Pictures in the Church; and I.H.S. the Jesuits Badge, in the Chancel Window; promised by the Minister, *Mr. Wm. Pell*.

140. WANGFORD, Aug. the 28th. 16 superstitious Pictures; and one I brake. 14 still remain; and one of God.

141. WRENTHAM, Aug. the 28th. 12 superstitious Pictures; one of St. Catherine with her Wheel.

142. HOXNE, Aug. the 30th. 2 Stone Crosses on Church, and Chancel; Peter with his Fish; and a Cross in a Glass Window, and 4 superstitious ones. The Virgin Mary with Christ in her Arms; and Cherubims Wings on the Font. Many more were broken down afore.

143. EYE, Aug. the 30th. Seven superstitious Pictures in the Chancel, and a Cross; one was Mary Magdalene; all in the Glass; and 6 in the Church Windows; many more had been broken down afore.

144. OCKOLD, Aug. Divers. superstitious Pictures were broke. I came, and there was Jesus, Mary, and St. Lawrence with his Gridiron, and Peter's Keys. Churchwardens promised to send 5s. to *Mr. Oales*, before Michaelmas.

145. RUSSINGLES, Aug. the 30th. Nothing but a Step. The Pictures were broke before.

146. METTFIELD, Aug. the 30th. In the Church, was Peter's Keys, and the Jesuits Badge, in the Window; and many on the top of the Roof. I. for *Jesus*, H. for *Hominum*, and S. for *Salvator*; and a Dove for the Holy Ghost, in Wood; and the like in the Chancel; and there, in Brass, *orate pro animabus*; and the Steps to be levelled, by Sept. the 7th. *Mr. Jermin*, the Gentleman in the Town, refused to take the Inscription, as the Churchwarden informed, whose Name is _____

147. DINNINGTON, SEPT. the 26th. 1644. Angels in *S^r John Rouse's*

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Rouse's Isle, and 2 Holy Water Fonts; and in Bacon's Isle, 9 Pictures of Angels and Crosses, and a Holy Water Font; and 10 superstitious Pictures in the Chancel, and a Holy Water Font, and 2 superstitious Inscriptions of Christ; the Spear and Nails, on 2 Stools, at the lower end of the Church; and a Cherubim in St John Rouse's Stool.

148. BADDINGHAM, SEPT. the 28th. The Steps to be levelled in the Chancel; and 16 superstitious Cherubims with Crosses on their Breasts. —All to be done, by the Churchwardens, by the 13th. of October.

149. PARHAM-HATCHESTON, Oct. the 1st. There was 21 Cherubims with Wings, in Wood; and 16 superstitious Pictures, and popish Saints; with a double Cross in the Church; and the representation of the Trinity on the Font; and the Spears and Nails, that Christ was pierced and nailed with; and 3 Crosses, all in Stone; 4 superstitious Pictures in the Chancel, and a Cross, all in Glass; and the Steps to be levelled, by Mr. Francis Warner, by Oct. 15th. All to be done.

Feb. 4th. By Virtue of a Warrant directed to me, by the right Honble the Earl of Manchester. I do hereby depute and appoint You T. D. in my absence to execute the said Warrant in every particular, within the County of ——— According to an Ordinance of Parliament therein mentioned, and Power given unto me by the said Warrant as fully as I myself may, or might execute the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal.

Thomas UMBERFIELD of ST OKE, refused to pay the 6s. 8d. (See No. 6.)

A Crucifix; and divers superstitious Pictures, Feb. 21st.

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